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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir or Madam:

The applicants submit this paper as a fully-responsive reply to the Official Action mailed by the Office on 22 October 2004. Since the three-month date for response fell on Saturday, 22 January 2005, the applicants submit that this response is timely filed on the following Monday, 24 January 2005.

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being sent via first class United States mail postage prepaid on the date shown below to Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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